

**LICENCE FOR FISHING WITH ROD
AND LINE**

Licence No.....Date.....

1. Name of Licence Holder.....

2. Address.....

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3. Status.....

4. Locality.....

5. Validity.....

6. Fee.....

.....Division Divisional Forest Officer

**BHUTAN FISHING (AMENDMENT) RULES,
1992**

1. These rules shall be called the Bhutan Fishing (amendment) Rules and it shall come into force with effect from November, 1992. It shall extend to the whole of the kingdom of Bhutan.
2. Catching of fish in any streams, rivers, ponds or lakes, canals, channels and dams in Bhutan is strictly prohibited without possession of a valid fishing licence.
3. Fishing licence shall be issued by the head of the Department of Forestry, the Divisional Forest Officers or any other authority duly empowered for this purpose by the Royal Government of Bhutan. The Fishing Licence shall be issued on a prescribed form on payment of the prescribed fees. This Fishing Licence entitles a person to catch fish strictly for sporting purposes only and not for commercial purposes.
4. Fishing shall be prohibited during the following periods and licence holders shall not engage themselves in catching of fish during the prohibitory periods :-

- i. During the month of October, November and December every year for fishing trout.
- ii. Fishing on 8th, 15th and 30th of each Bhutanese month.
- iii. During holidays of Zhabdroong Kuchoy, Lord Buddha Purnima, Birth Anniversary of Guru Rimpoche, First Sermon of Lord Buddha, Descending day of Lord Buddha and winter solstice.

5. Fishing by the following means is strictly prohibited :-

- i. Fishing by poisoning or dynamiting rivers, streams, ponds or lakes, canals, channels and dams.
- ii. Erection of weirs, dams for diverting rivers/streams to trap the fish ,
- iii. Fishing by firearms, nets, any hooks with live baits, pugleps, phen-phen, or splashing or laving of waters.

6. The licence holder shall not catch more than eight numbers of fish a day.

7. Fishing within one mile of a Monastery, Temple, Dzong or

religious school is strictly prohibited.

8. The licence holder shall carry his fishing licence with him at the time of fishing. Persons not holding a valid fishing licence shall not assist the licence holder in fishing. The licence holder shall produce his fishing licence on demand by any police officer or an officer of the Forest Department of the Royal Government of Bhutan
9. (1) Failure to show his fishing licence on demand by a police officer or a forest officer, the individual engaged in fishing shall be punishable with an on the spot fine amounting to Nu. 50.00. The person so fined shall give his name, address and also the address of the issuing authority of his fishing licence, to enable the Government officers to check whether the person so fined possesses a valid fishing licence. in case it is found on checking that the person so fined did not possess a valid fishing licence, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend up to Nu. 100.00 in addition to the punishment prescribed under section 10 of this rule and the on the spot fine.
9. (2) Refusal to show his fishing licence on demand by a police officer or a forest officer, the individual engaged in

fishing shall be punishable with a fine, which may extend up to Nu. 600.00. In case the person so fined did not possess a valid fishing licence he shall also be liable to the punishment prescribed under section 10 of this rule.

10. Persons engaged in fishing without obtaining a valid fishing licence shall be liable to a fine, which may extend up to Nu. 500.00 or with imprisonment which may extend up to one month or with both.
11. The licence holder shall not transfer or endorse his fishing licence in favour of any other person for fishing.
12. The offenses under this Act shall be cognizable and bailable and police officer/forest officers are authorized to arrest any person who is found committing a breach of any of the provisions of these Rules.
13. In case of fishing by poisoning or dynamiting, the fine shall extend up to Nu. 3000.00 or imprisonment for six months or both.
14. Whoever commits an offence under any of the above provisions that are not covered under any other sections

shall be liable to a fine, which may extend up to Nu. 500.00 or imprisonment which may extend up to one month or with both.

15. Breach of any of the provision of this Act shall render the licence holder liable to cancellation of his fishing licence in addition to the penalties provided under this Act.

This has the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture, Royal Government of Bhutan.

RATES OF FISHING LICENCE FEES.

1. For one day	Nu. 25=00
2. For one month (single location)	Nu. 100=00
3. For one month (whole Bhutan)	Nu. 150=00
4. For six months (single location)	Nu. 200=00
5. For six months (whole Bhutan)	Nu. 300=00
6. For one year (single location)	Nu. 300=00
7. For one year (whole Bhutan)	Nu. 500=00